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Dear Christopher Armstrong,

On behalf of the Iowa State University Bioeconomy Institute and 15 other sponsoring organizations, you are cordially invited to participate in the **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour** from August 14-17, 2017, taking place in Iowa. This privately-sponsored tour, which complies with Senate Ethics Committee travel regulations, has been organized to provide congressional staff and agency representatives an opportunity to learn how Iowa's biofuels industry and research community are leading the nation in responding to the many challenges and opportunities in renewable energy and agriculture.

This event will include "hands on" tours of biofuel refineries as well as cutting edge research projects aimed at advancing current and next generation renewable fuels. In addition, briefings will be conducted by state and national experts, technology providers, family farmers and university research staff.

The tour is designed to provide participants with a better understanding of the environmental and economic impacts of renewable fuels, to highlight technological advancements that are improving the efficiency and carbon footprint of biofuels production and agricultural processes, and to showcase the capabilities of Iowa's premier research entities. The tour schedule includes time for open exchanges of ideas regarding energy and biofuels policy.

As part of the tour, you are invited to participate in a roundtable discussion on the Energy Policy Outlook for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress on Wednesday, August 16. Other congressional staff members will be invited to participate in this panel as well.

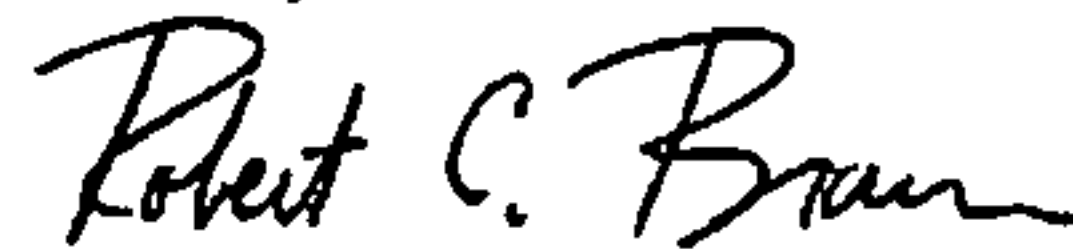
Attached is the tour itinerary and tour registration form.

**Space is limited.** If you are interested in participating in the tour, please complete the following:

- Fill out the tour registration form and return it to Monte Shaw, Executive Director of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, at [mshaw@IowaRFA.org](mailto:mshaw@IowaRFA.org) **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
- Once registered, you will receive all of the paperwork necessary for submission to the Senate Ethics Committee (which is due no later than July 14, 2017).

Any questions may be directed to Monte Shaw at (515) 252-6249. Thanks, and we hope to see you on the tour!

Sincerely,



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